THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Considering the large number of LPG distributors operating in the country (nearly 3,100 as on December 1, 1987) the effort involved in compilation of the required details would not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be served Complaints received by the Oil Compaines against the distributors are investigated, and wherever necessary appropriate action is taken against the erring distributors in accordance with Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Production of oil and gas in Bombay High

3003. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of oil and gas in Bombay High has declined; and

(b) if so, what are the measures being taken by Government to maintain the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Production of gas in Bombay High is increasing. However, there is a marginal reduction in crude production which is normal in any reservoir with passage of time.

(b) Measures include—

— Use of enhanced recovery techniques

— Intensification of work-over techniques

— Use of artifical lift mechanism

— Closer spacing of wells

— Pressure maintain and techniques.

Exploration of crude oil in Cauvery Basin

3004 SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target fixed under the Seventh Five Year Plan for exploration of crude oil in the Cauvery Basin;

(b) what is the record of production there so far; and

(c) what are the effective measures taken by Government to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) During the 7th Plan, it is planned to undertake 36 party year of seismic surveys and drilling of 46 wells in onshore areas & 175800 SLK of seismic survey and exploratory drilling of 21 wells in off-shore areas.

It is also tentatively planned to produce about 0.2 million tonnes of crude oil.

(b) Cumulative production of crude oil in the basin upto end of October, 1987 was 11752 tonnes

(c) Measures taken include:—

— Intensification of exploratory efforts, including delineation drilling to establish more reserves which will eventually lead to more production.

— Commencement of production in near future from other producer wells including through early production system and expansion of production facilities.

— Workover operation on wells needing workover jobs so as to complete these wells for putting them on production.

Talks with Soviet Union about Karnal refinery

3005. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions have recently been held with the Soviet Union regard-